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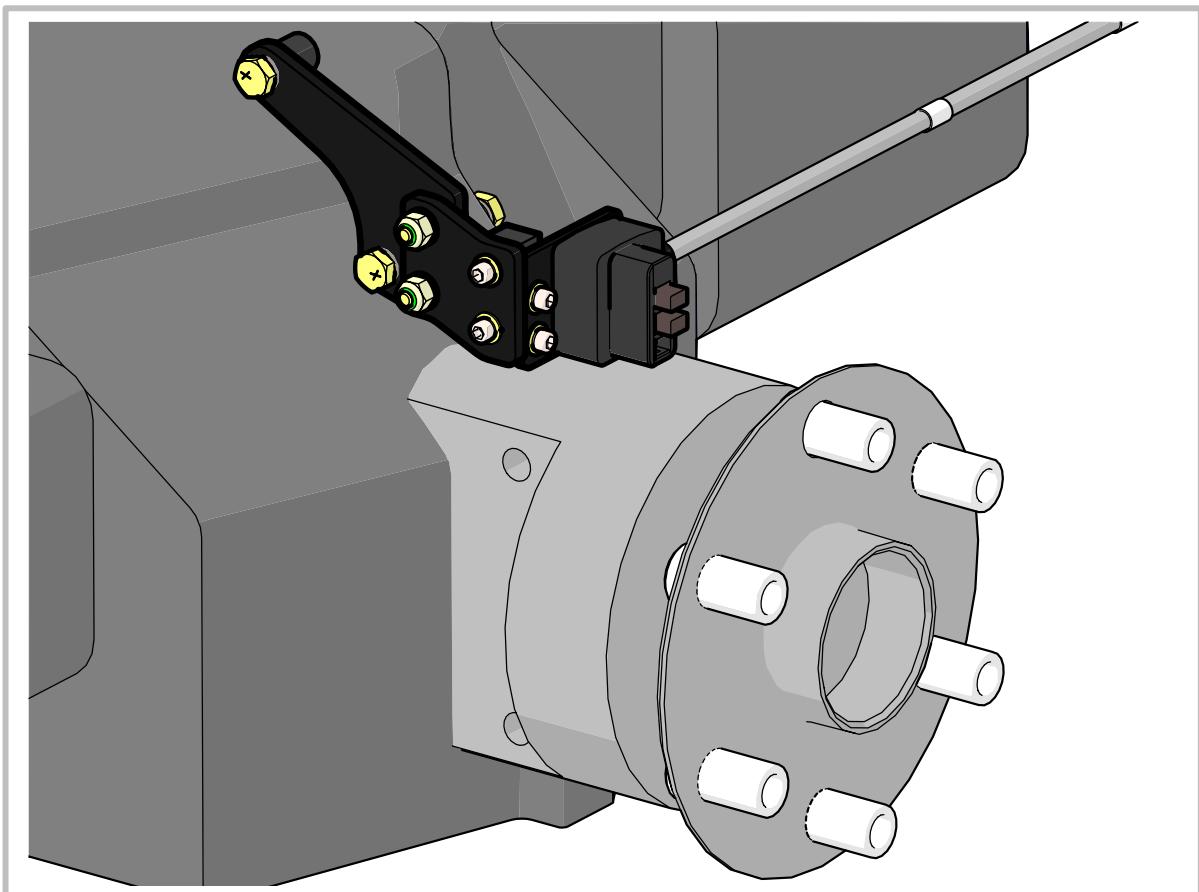
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ASI-4-8-6

SENSOR-BRUSH INSTALLATION (LYCOMING ENGINE)

PROCEDURE



SUBJECT:

Sensor-Brush Installation

ASSEMBLY NO:

AR-LS(+RG)

APPLICABILITY:

All propeller models used with a
Lycoming engine

1. TOPIC

1.1 Introduction

This document covers the procedure for mounting an Airmaster sensor-brush assembly to a Lycoming engine and assembly of the dedicated multi-component brush bracket system.

The existence of the starter ring gear in Lycoming engines interferes with the normal position of the slingspring behind the spinner backplate. As a result, the slingspring is mounted inside the starter ring gear, and a multi-component sensor-brush bracket assembly is required.

It is recommended that installers mount the hub and ring gear assembly to the engine flange and attach the sensor-brush assembly to the brush block cover plate before proceeding.

 **Note**

The illustrations in this document do not show the hub (and at times, the Lycoming ring gear) mounted to the engine flange. This is to illustrate the sensor-brush mounting components more clearly as they would otherwise be obstructed from view.

1.2 Prerequisites

- Mount hub and ring gear to engine flange in accordance with procedure **ASI-4-4-5**.
- Inspect brushes for signs of damage or defect. Check brushes travel smoothly and evenly through the brush holder when they are compressed.
- Attach Lycoming sensor-brush block (A0122) to brush plate (P0877) in accordance with procedure **ASI-4-8-1**.

 **Note**

Generally, new propellers are supplied with the sensor-brush assembly pre-fitted to its mounting plate, but in some cases, this must be performed by the installer.

- Install Lycoming slingspring assembly in accordance with procedure **ASI-4-3-3**.

 **Note**

Generally, ring gears are pre-machined by Airmaster to suit the propeller, and the slingspring is installed.

2. MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Parts

ITEM	QTY	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	IMAGE
1.	1	A0122	Airmaster Sensor-Brush Assembly (for Lycoming)	
2.	1	AR-LS(+RG)	Airmaster Lycoming Slipring Assembly (incl. Ring Gear)	

2.2 Tooling

ITEM	QTY	DESCRIPTION	IMAGE
1.	1	9/64" Hex Key	
2.	2	7/16" Spanner	
3.	1	Torque Screwdriver (9/64" Hex)	
4.	1	Torque Screwdriver (3/8" Socket)	

2.3 Consumables

ITEM	QTY	DESCRIPTION	IMAGE
1.	As required	Cleaning Agent (Non-Corrosive) (e.g. Loctite® SF 7063, Methylated Spirits)	
2.	As required	Paper Towels, Clean Cloth (or similar)	
3.	As required	Torque-Seal	
4.	As required	Piece of Card	
5.	As required	Loctite 243	

2.4 Paperwork

ITEM	QTY	CODE	DESCRIPTION
1.	1	AR-LS(+RG)	Airmaster Lycoming Slipring Assembly (incl. Ring Gear) Drawing & BoM

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3.1 Mount Sensor-Brush Bracket (Lycoming)

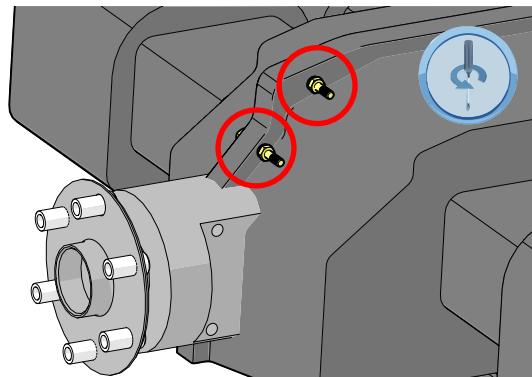
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Step 1 Remove Crankcase Screws

- Remove (2) forward-most AN4 bolts, washers, and nuts from the Lycoming engine crank case.

① Attention (2) 7/16" Spanners

④ Note Store in case needed for future use.



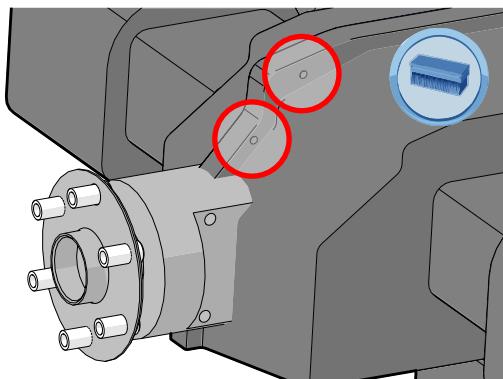
Step 2 Clean Mounting Holes

- Clean (2) holes and surface surrounding the area where the bolts were removed.

⚠ Caution

Any paint or debris left remaining in this area may lead to misalignment of the brushes and slippings.

① Attention Cleaning agent, Paper towel



Step 3 Mount Bracket-A

- Mount Bracket-A to crankcase by assembling (2) sets of the following components from the left (facing front of engine) in sequence:

AN4 bolt (P0887-X)

Nord-Lock® washer pair (P0890)

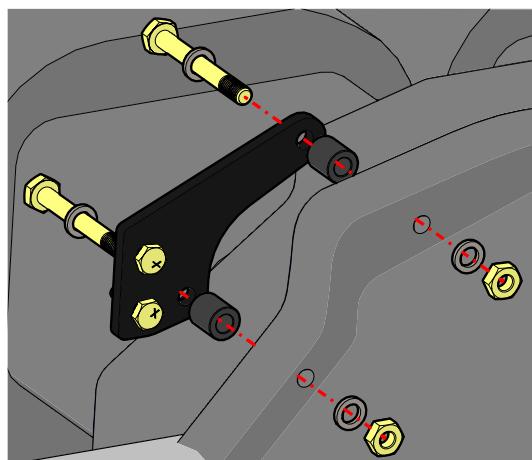
Bracket A (P0878)

Spacer (P0875)

(Through engine crankcase)

Nord-Lock® washer pair (P0890)

AN4 Nut (P0888)



④ Note

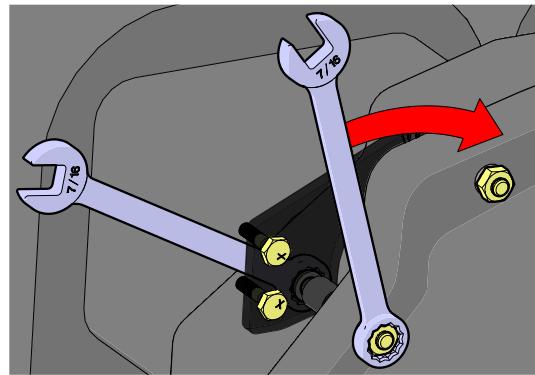
There is no requirement to lock-wire bolts when Nord-Lock® washers are used. Refer to correct use of Nord-Lock® washers.

Step 4 Secure Bracket-A

- Torque both nuts to **10Nm (7.4ft-lbs)** whilst restraining bolt head.
- Indicate with torque-seal.

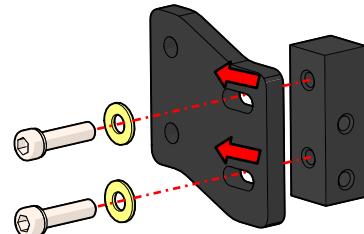
① Attention

7/16" Spanner, Torque screwdriver, Torque-seal



Step 5 Assemble Bracket-B

- Attach Bracket-B (P0879) to connecting block (P0876) in **rear-most position** using (2) 8-32 UNC cap screws (P0865) and #8 washers (P0163) finger tight.



① Attention

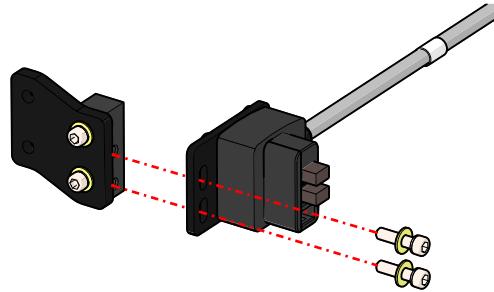
9/64" Hex key

Step 6 Assemble Brush Block

- Attach brush plate (with sensor-brush block attached) to connecting block using (2) 8-32 UNC cap screws and #8 washers finger tight.

① Attention

9/64" Hex key

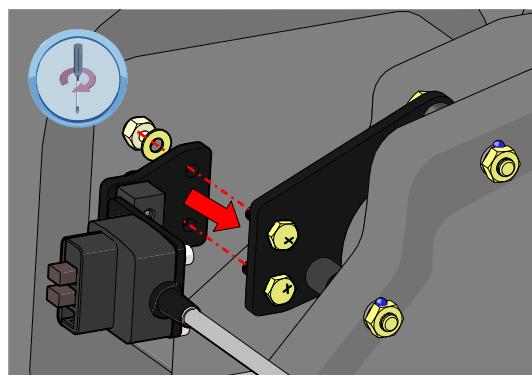


Step 7 Mount Bracket B

- Slide Bracket-B and its assembled parts onto the (2) AN3 studs protruding from Bracket-A.

⚠ Caution

The carbon brushes are delicate, and side-loading should be avoided. While the sensor-brush assembly is positioned, use a piece of card to compress the brushes as they slide across the propeller's slingspring assembly (inside ring gear).



- Secure Bracket-B with (2) #10 washers and 10-32 UNF locknuts (P0156).
- Torque locknuts to **2.5Nm (1.9ft-lbs)**.

① Note

The AN3 studs do not need to be restrained as they are fixed to Bracket-A with thread locker.

① Attention

Torque screwdriver (3/8" socket)

3.2 Position Sensor-Brush Block (Lycoming)

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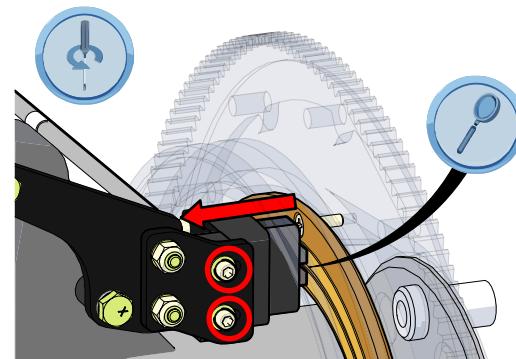
Step 1 Back Off Sensor-Brush Block

- If not done, adjust sensor-brush block to rear-most position by loosening (2) cap screws on side of brush plate, so that brush/slipring alignment can be observed.

 **Attention** 9/64" Hex key

 **Note**

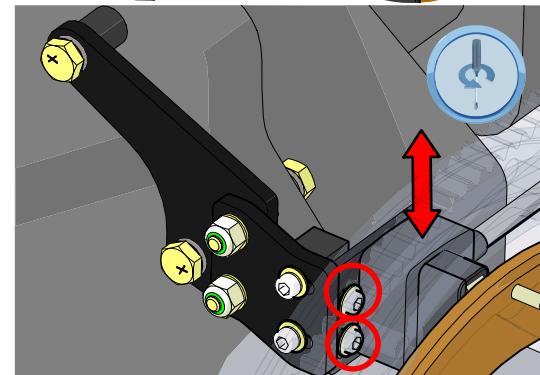
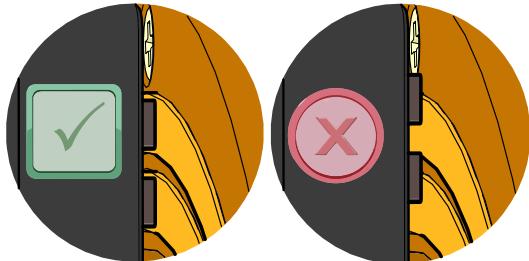
A torch and inspection mirror may be useful.



Step 2 Check Sensor-Brush Alignment

- Check carbon brushes align centrally with their respective sliprings and do not overlap.
- If this condition is not met, adjust the position of the brush plate by loosening the cap screws at the front. Retighten once correct alignment is achieved.

 **Attention** 9/64" Hex key

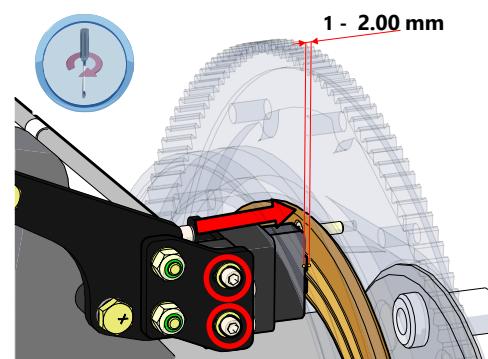


Step 3 Set Sensor-Brush Block Stand-Off

- Adjust sensor-brush block forward to achieve a gap of approx. **1-2mm (0.08in)** between the front of the brush block and the slipring face.
- Retighten cap screws on side of brush plate.

 **Note** A feeler gauge may be useful.

 **Attention** 9/64" Hex key



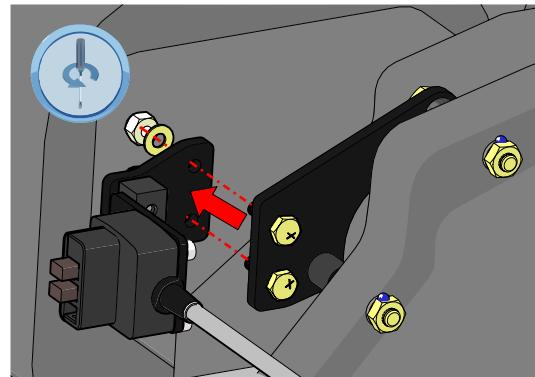
3.3 Lock Sensor-Brush Block

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Step 1 Remove Bracket Assembly

- Remove (2) locknuts and washers securing Bracket-B to Bracket-A.
- Remove Bracket-B and its assembled parts as one unit.

 **Attention** 3/8" Spanner

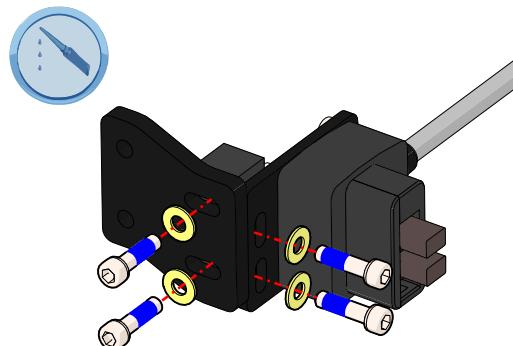


Step 2 Lock Brush Block Cap Screws

- Remove (4) 8-32 UNC cap screws one at a time from connecting block (to ensure that brush block position is not altered) and reinstall with a thin stripe of Loctite 243 applied to the threads.
- Torque cap screws to **2Nm (1.5ft-lbs)**.
- Indicate with torque-seal.

 **Attention**

Torque Screwdriver (9/64" Hex), Loctite 243, Torque-seal



Step 3 Remount Bracket B

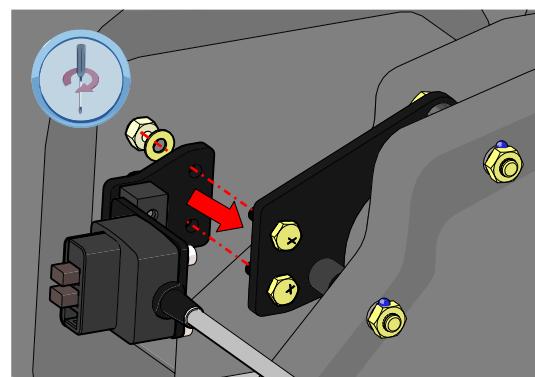
- Reattach Bracket-B to Bracket-A with (2) #10 washers and 10-32 UNF locknuts (P0156).

Caution

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Note

The AN3 studs do not need to be restrained as they are fixed to Bracket-A with thread-locker.



- Torque locknuts to **2.5Nm (1.9ft-lbs)**.
- Indicate with torque-seal.

Note

The brush block should be removed in the future (e.g. for brush replacement) by removing locknuts and removing Bracket-B and its assembled parts as

one unit. Do not undo cap screws now that sensor-brush position has been set. Lock nuts can only be reused once, replace after next use.

 **Attention**

Torque screwdriver (3/8" socket), Torque-seal

3.4 Subsequent Action

Perform the following tasks once this procedure is complete:

- Connect sensor-brush assembly cable to extension loom (A0125-x). This loom is routed through the engine bay and connected to the controller [CN2].